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March 20, 2022

The Pursuit • 1 Samuel 13-14 • Message 6

PRAY • HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE FAME? • PURSUIT

Review

- God is **looking** for someone who will hear and do.
- You can't control God, but you can **seek him**, and he will show up.
- Don't settle for what you **want**, pursue something **better**.
- Remember God and what he's done, and by His Spirit, **do the same**.

TODAY WE WILL SEE THINGS BACKFIRE ON SAUL JUST LIKE JESUS SAID: LUKE 9:24

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Red Flags

1 • 2 • MAP

- Jonathan is at **GIBEAH**, Saul is at **Mikmash**.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS • 3-4
- Jonathan takes the **OUTPOST**, Saul takes the **CREDIT**.
RETREATS • 5-7 • 8-10 • 11-12 • 13-14

Saul's Sin

10:8 ?? • TOO MUCH HAS HAPPENED • JONATHAN IS TOO YOUNG • GILGAL ALREADY!!

NOT WAITING? SACRIFICE? • 1 SAMUEL 10:6-7 • ACT COURAGEOUSLY, I AM WITH YOU • PROVED IT! • 12-13

Even though Saul had God with him,

he **SOUGHT** his own **PROTECTION**.SEND SOMEONE ELSE, TAKE THE CREDIT, RUN AWAY, CALL OTHERS, BLAME ANOTHER, PRETEND TO BE RELIGIOUS
13:14 • THERE ARE THREE CONSEQUENCES IN THE REST OF OUR SECTIONSaul wasn't seeking **GOD**, so God sought someone **ELSE**.

13:15-14:6 • 14:7-44 • 45

Everything Backfires

- Jonathan's motto: God **CAN**, maybe he **WILL**, let's go!
- Saul's motto: Live in **FEAR**, protect **SELF**, at any cost.
- Saul sought security and lost **EVERYTHING**.
- Jonathan sought God's glory and received glory **HIMSELF**.
46-52

Take it Home

— WE ARE JUST AS GUILTY — ROMANS 8:15 •

- If God is with me, why do I feel threatened?
- Am I pursuing God's glory or my own security?
- Am I following anyone like Saul?



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